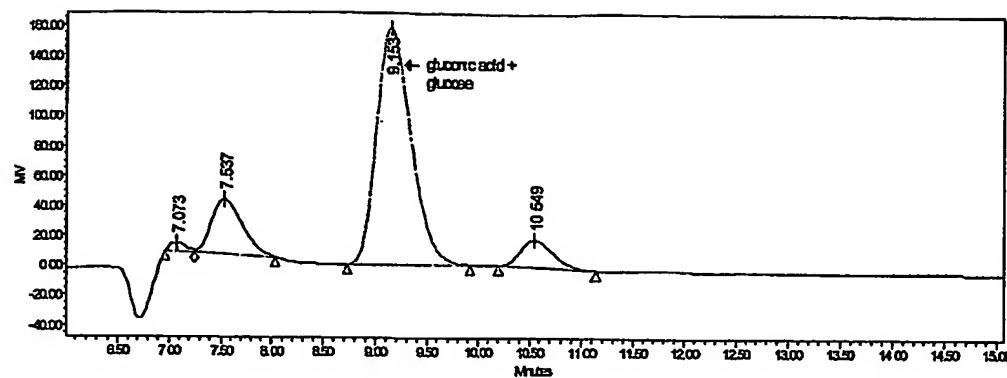
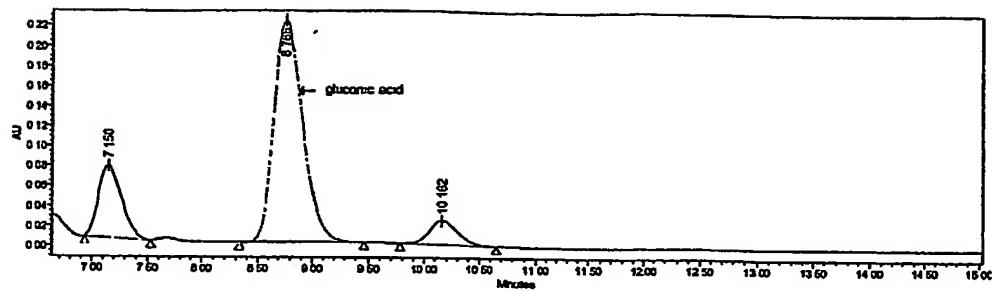


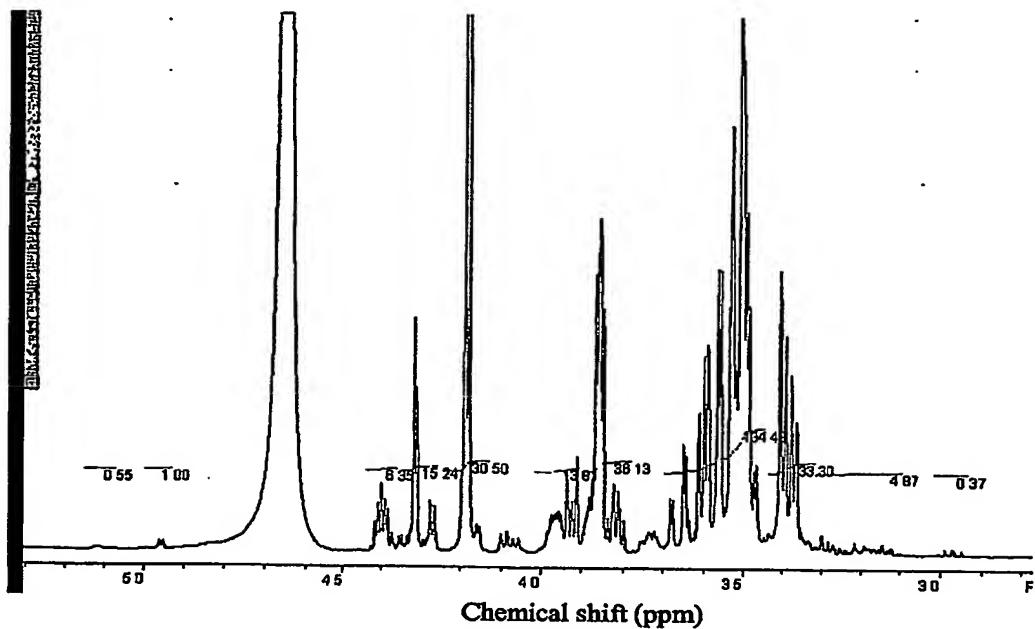
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(Prior Art)



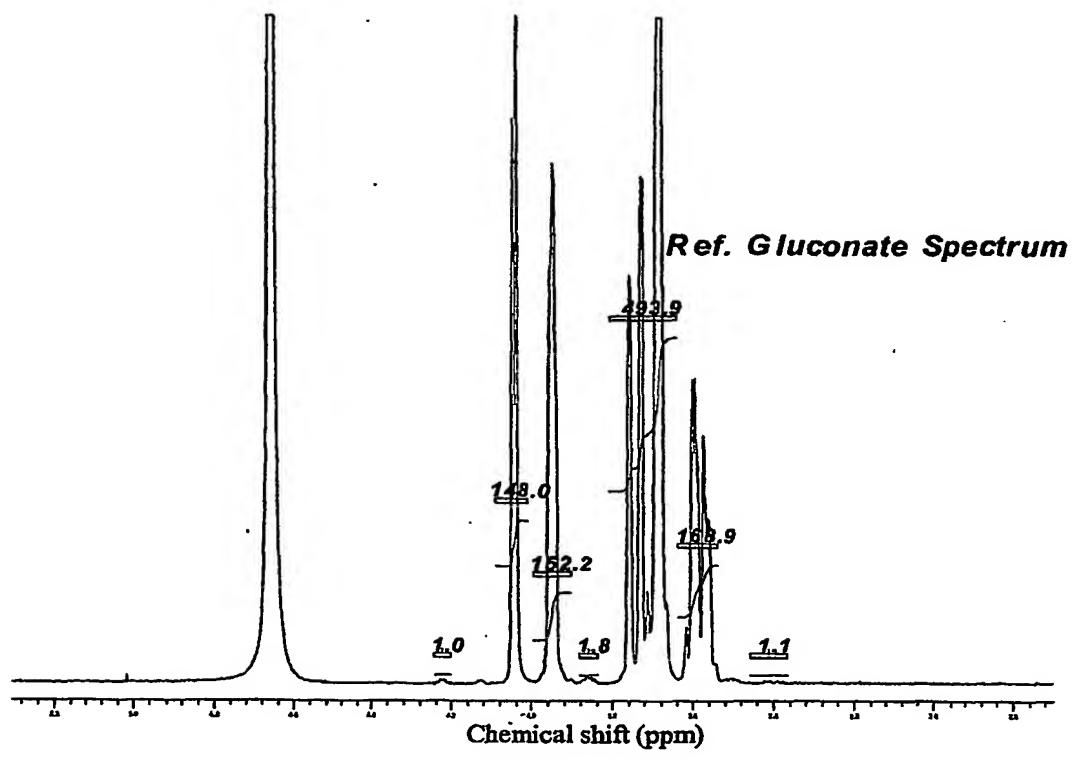
*Fig. 2*



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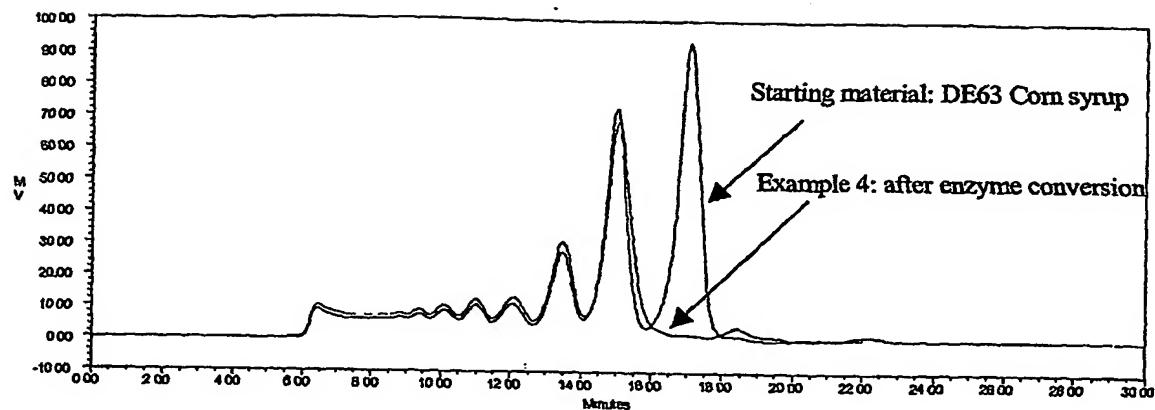


*Fig. 4*



(PRIOR ART: NMR spectrum of pure sodium gluconate)

*Fig. 5*



*Fig. 6*